

REMARKS

The indication of the allowability of wastewater treatment apparatus Claims 2 to 5 and wastewater treatment method Claims 6 to 11 is acknowledged with appreciation.

The reconsideration of presently solicited Claims 1, 3 to 5, 6, 7, and 9 to 11 respectfully is requested. For the reasons indicated hereafter these claims are urged to be in condition for allowance.

In an effort to expedite prosecution apparatus Claim 2 which was indicated to be allowable if presented in independent form has been canceled without prejudice. The subject matter of Claim 2 has been incorporated into independent Claim 1, and the dependencies of Claims 3 to 5 have been modified to reflect the incorporation of the subject matter of Claim 2 into Claim 1. Method Claim 8 has been canceled as being redundant following the amendment of Claim 1.

The continued rejection of presently solicited Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over the different teachings of International Publication No. WO 01/66475 to Kang in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,054,044 to Hoffland would be inappropriate. All of the limitations of Claim 2 which was indicated to be allowable if presented in independent form now are incorporated into presently solicited Claim 1. The withdrawal of the rejection is in order and respectfully is requested.

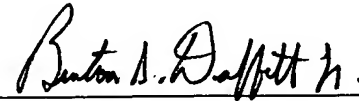
If there is any remaining point that requires clarification prior to the allowance of the Application, the Examiner is urged to telephone the undersigned attorney so that the matter can be expeditiously resolved.

Respectfully submitted,

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